

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A perpendicular magnetic recording medium comprising:

a nonmagnetic substrate;

5 an underlying film formed on said nonmagnetic substrate; and

a perpendicular magnetic layer formed on said underlying film,

10 wherein said underlying film has a layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism.

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A/1 3. The perpendicular magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism is formed of fine particles exhibiting a super paramagnetism of a soft magnetic material.

3. The perpendicular magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism has a granular structure having fine particles exhibiting a super paramagnetism of a soft magnetic material dispersed in a nonmagnetic matrix.

4. The perpendicular magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism has a saturation magnetization under the applied magnetic field not higher than 25 3980 A/m in respect of the order of 10^{-8} second corresponding to the magnetic field reversal time of a

recording head and the magnetization is not saturated under the applied magnetic field not higher than 796,000 A/m relative to the order of one second or more.

5. The perpendicular magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism exhibits a soft magnetic properties under the temperature not higher than 10K and exhibits a paramagnetism under the temperature around room temperature.

10 6. The perpendicular magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the magnetization of said layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism is not saturated under the temperature around room temperature and under the applied magnetic field not higher than 796,000 A/m, and the layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism has a saturation magnetization under the temperature not higher than 10K and under the applied magnetic field not higher than 3980 A/m.

15 7. A perpendicular magnetic recording-reproducing apparatus comprising:

20 a perpendicular magnetic recording medium;
driving means for supporting and rotating the perpendicular magnetic recording medium;
25 a magnetic head including an element for recording information in the perpendicular magnetic recording medium and an element for reproducing the recorded information; and

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a carriage assembly supporting said magnetic head
which is movable relative to the perpendicular magnetic
recording medium,

X 5 wherein the perpendicular magnetic recording
medium comprises a nonmagnetic substrate, an underlying
film formed on the nonmagnetic substrate and having a
layer exhibiting super paramagnetism, and a
perpendicular magnetic layer formed on the underlying
film.

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10 8. The perpendicular magnetic recording-
reproducing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein
said layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism is formed
of fine particles exhibiting a super paramagnetism of a
soft magnetic material.

15 9. The perpendicular magnetic recording-
reproducing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein
said layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism has a
granular structure having fine particles exhibiting a
super paramagnetism of a soft magnetic material
20 dispersed in a nonmagnetic matrix.

10. The perpendicular magnetic recording-
reproducing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein
said layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism has a
saturation magnetization under the applied magnetic
25 field not higher than 3980 A/m in respect of the order
of 10^{-8} second corresponding to the magnetic field
reversal time of a recording head and the magnetization

is not saturated under the applied magnetic field not higher than 796,000 A/m relative to the order of one second or more.

11. The perpendicular magnetic recording-reproducing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said layer exhibiting a super paramagnetism exhibits a soft magnetic properties under the temperature not higher than 10K and exhibits a paramagnetism under the temperature around room temperature.

10 12. The perpendicular magnetic recording-
reproducing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the
magnetization of said layer exhibiting a super
paramagnetism is not saturated under the temperature
around room temperature and under the applied magnetic
field not higher than 796,000 A/m, and the layer
15 exhibiting a super paramagnetism has a saturation
magnetization under the temperature not higher than 10K
and under the applied magnetic field not higher than
3980 A/m.